



BALA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T .

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR

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To the Bala Urban District Council.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health for 1950.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st.

December, 1950.

Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area.....	669	acres.	
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population.....	1523		
Number of Inhabited Houses.....	497		
Rateable Value.....	7641		
Sum represented by ld. rate.....	£29. 3. 6.95.		
	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births: Legitimate.....	11	7	18
Illegitimate.....	0	1	1
Still Births: Legitimate.....	0	1	1
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0
Death of Infants under 1 year of age:			
Legitimate.....	1	2	3
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0
Death of Infants under 4 weeks.			
Legitimate.....	1	1	2
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0
Deaths.....	13	10	23
Rates per 1,000 of Population.			
Live Births.....			12.4
Still Births.....			0.65
Infantile Mortality.....			157.8
Maternal Mortality per 1,000 of live and still births.....			Nil.
General Death rate from all causes.....			14.4
Total Tuberculosis Death Rate.....			Nil.
Cancer Death Rate (all causes).....			1.9
Comparability Factors, Births.....			1.05
Comparability Factors, Deaths.....			0.83

Causes of Death for the Area during the year.

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	0	0	0
Cancer breast, uterus, lung.....	0	0	0
Cancer (other forms) malignant and lymphatic.....	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	1	1	2
Coronary disease angina.....	2	0	2
Other heart disease.....	2	5	7
Other circulatory disease.....	2	0	2
Pneumonia.....	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate.....	1	0	1
Congenital malformations.....	0	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	2	0	2
	13	10	23

Infectious Diseases.

The following table summarises the Infectious Diseases occurring during the year.

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary.....	0	1	1
Tuberculosis - Non-Pulmonary.....	0	1	1
Scarlet Fever.....	4	1	5
	4	3	7

General Provision of Health Services.

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) - Dr. Robert Jones M.B.Ch.B.
Sanitary Inspector - Mr. D. J. Jones.

Clinics:

- (a) Tuberculosis (King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial)
- (b) Infant Welfare.
- (c) Orthopaedics.

Arrangements for the care of expectant and nursing mothers and young children, domiciliary midwifery service, health visiting and home nursing, vaccination and immunisation, domestic help and ambulance service are administered by the County Council.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Total new houses completed by Local Authority..... Nil.
Total new houses completed by Private Enterprise..... Nil.
Number of Dwelling houses inspected..... 57
Instances of overcrowding..... 3
Movable dwellings, tents, vans etc.
(There is one licensed camping site, but during the summer there are other sites occupied by campers for short periods.)
Verminous Premises. Houses treated..... 2
Infectious disease cases disinfected..... 3
Inspections of Bakehouses..... Three bakehouses regularly inspected.

Inspection of Ice cream Premises:

Apart from cafes and hotels there are five premises supplying pre-packed ice cream and two premises manufacturing their own ice cream; these are regularly inspected.
Five samples were taken during the year and satisfied the Meth.Blue test.
Meat shops. Very cleanly kept; regularly inspected.
Fried Fish shops. One kept but the premises are not entirely satisfactory.
Dairies. There are three dairies from which undesignated milk is sold.
Only one has adequate sterilising and cooling facilities.
Slaughter Houses. No slaughterhouse in the district.
Shops Acts, Sanitary Accommodation, and Washing Facilities.
There has been improvements in the provision of Sanitary and washing facilities, but there still remains room for improvements.
Milk Samples taken..... Schools 2
Others 5

Water samples. 4 taken from town supply. Satisfactory.
 Inspections of schools. Lavatory arrangements. 7 inspections.
 Informal Notices sent..... 9.
 Statutory Notices sent..... 4.
 Work outstanding under Section 9 Housing Act 1936,
 from 1949 has now been completed. In one case work
 was carried out in default by the Council.
 One case of overcrowding abated by providing subtenant with Council house.

Factories Act 1937.

	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by District Councils.	NIL.	
2. Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	12	Three informal notices issued re defects and complied with

Supervision of Food.

Food Condemned:

Tinned cooked meat and meat soups.....	61	tins
Bottled fruit and tinned fruit.....	72	containers
Tinned vegetables.....	54	tins
Tinned milk.....	51	"
Tinned fish.....	6	"
Tinned jams and marmalade.....	8	"

Many were condemned as the result of leakage due to bad handling in transit.

General.

The most urgent need of the town is still a proper sewage disposal system. The present method of discharging into soakaways, most of which are much too near dwelling houses, and these allowed to overflow before any attempt is made to cleanse them; constitute the most serious sanitary defect in the town.

There are also a number of sub-standard houses in poor repair and beyond reasonable repair, owing to their low rental and present cost of repair.

No applications have been received under the 1949 Housing Act.

I wish to express my thanks to the County Medical Officer of Health, Sanitary Inspector and Members of the Council for their co-operation and assistance.

3. I am,
 Your obedient Servant,
 ROBERT JONES.

